

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING A FOOD EVENT,
TRACKING THE FOOD PRODUCT, AND ASSESSING RISKS AND COSTS
ASSOCIATED WITH INTERVENTION

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 The food safety system and method of the present invention
provides a comprehensive consumer risk distribution model, which can be
applied to any food item. Additionally, the present invention automatically
evaluates consumer risk based on how much contaminated food is at each stage
of the food distribution process according to the consumer risk distribution
10 model, allowing for quick and accurate determinations as to the efficacy of a
trace recall effort. A further element of the present invention provides expert
analysis of data to detect and identify food events from sporadic information.
Finally, the real time detection system provides early warning data in order to
intercept isolated food contamination events before the contaminated food
15 products reach the consuming public.